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SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

Science Olympiad is devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers. As such, the program has always required that teams be school-based, with all team members attending the same school.

Teams participating in the Virginia Science Olympiad must be recognized as a school-sponsored organization by the principal (or equivalent) of the school. Signing this form and registering a team acknowledges this relationship.

The School Coach – The principal authorizes a coach to act on behalf of the school team(s). The coach is a representative of the school and is responsible for ensuring that the team follows all school-established policies and procedures for student supervision, liability and safety.

The coach of the team(s) serves as the VASO primary point of contact. The coach will register the team(s), manage them and supervise their competition, and ensure that VASO policies are met. VASO highly recommends that coaches work with, **or are themselves**, a school employee who will serve as a school liaison. This school employee liaison can ensure compliance with school policies and support team administration, including organizing school paperwork necessary for travel to tournaments, procuring team supplies and meeting space, and assisting in team selection.

Conduct and Vandalism – Each sponsoring school is responsible for the conduct of its participants. Students, coaches and other adults are responsible for ensuring that any applicable school or Science Olympiad policy, law, or regulation is not broken. All Virginia Science Olympiad content (e.g., policies, requirements, clarifications, etc. on virginiaso.org) must be treated as if it were included in the printed rules.

If a member(s) or person(s) on or associated with a team commit(s) an act of vandalism, the team may be disqualified from the competition. In egregious cases of vandalism, as determined by tournament officials, no member of that team will be awarded a medal in ANY event and persons may be barred from future competitions. Each sponsoring school agrees to pay the cost of repairing damage from any act of vandalism. Vandalism means a deliberate action that results in damage to property, including, but not limited to, graffiti, damage to facility property, and damage to others' personal property.

I have read and understand the VASO School Sponsorship Policy. By signing agree, I that the following is the authorized coach for the school.

Coach (Print): _____ Signature: _____ Date _____

Principal (Print): _____ Signature: _____ Date _____

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Satellite Science Olympiad – 2022-2023 Acknowledgement of School Use and Primary Coverage



Science Olympiad, Inc. has a model of participation that permits remote recording and reporting of results from registered Science Olympiad member teams to their sanctioned State Science Olympiad Chapters. There are stipulations that registered teams must follow in order to participate in these **Satellite Science Olympiad** tournaments. This agreement applies to the activities performed while away from in-person, single-location Science Olympiad tournaments held on college campuses or other sites.

If my school is a public or private school, as the head coach of the Science Olympiad team I certify that:

1. Our school has paid state and national membership dues to the State Science Olympiad Chapter in the state our school is located and is a registered team.
2. Our Science Olympiad program is a school-sponsored activity.
3. Our Science Olympiad team has permission to use our school building, facilities and equipment for Science Olympiad practice.
4. All Science Olympiad team members are currently enrolled students of our school.
5. All Science Olympiad activities will be supervised by school faculty or those who have met the requirements of being a school volunteer or mentor.
6. All Science Olympiad safety policies found under Policies at www.soinc.org are followed (General Rules, Code of Ethics, Use of Lasers, Eye Protection, Construction Policy, Beverage Alcohol)
7. That the school’s insurance covering enrolled students while in the act of practicing for an extracurricular or school-sponsored event will be the primary coverage for the activities of Science Olympiad.

If my school is a home school, as the head coach of the Science Olympiad team I certify that:

1. Our home school has paid state and national membership dues to the State Science Olympiad Chapter in the state our school is located and is a registered team.
2. My home school complies with all the laws and regulations to be a certified home school provider by my state.
3. All Science Olympiad team members are currently enrolled students of our home school.
4. All Science Olympiad activities will be supervised by home school personnel.
5. All Science Olympiad safety policies found under Policies at www.soinc.org are followed (General Rules, Code of Ethics, Use of Lasers, Eye Protection, Construction Policy, Beverage Alcohol)
6. The insurance which covers home-schooled students while in the act of practicing for an extracurricular event will be the primary coverage for the activities of Science Olympiad.

Coach (Print): _____ Signature: _____ Date _____

Principal (Print): _____ Signature: _____ Date _____